GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF JUTE
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the distress sale of Jute in several parts of Orissa after the severe cyclone in October,1999;

(a) if so, the steps taken to open additional number of Jute purchasing center in that State, particularly in the affected areas; and

(b) the steps taken to extend necessary assistance to Jute growers in that State ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) During the jute season 1999-2000, prices of raw jute in the all the jute growing States including Orissa in general ruled above MSP level. However, after the devastating flood and cyclone in Orissa, prices of raw jute came down below support level in Baliapal (Balasore Distt.)and JCI undertook MSP operation in Baliapal and procured around 693 Quintals during the months of December,1999 and after which the prices moved above the support level. There was no report of distress sale in any other place in Orissa. JCI has having 7 (seven) Jute purchase centers in Orissa.
Apart from Baliapal, none of the other centre was called to undertake MSP operation.The list of the purchase centers of JCI in Orissa is given below:-

State	Regional Office	District DPCS	Sub-Centers
Orissa	Cuttack	Cuttack	Kendupatna
		Kendrapara Danpur	
		Marshaghai	
		Jajpur	Dhanmandal
		Jagatsinghpur	- Tarpur
		Keonjhar	Sailong
		Bhadrak	- Chandbali

(c) Jute purchase centres of JCI are in readiness to undertake MSP operation as and when required.During the current season (2000-2001), JCI has procured 1627 Quintals of raw jute under MSP operation so far .At present the prices of raw jute are reported above minimum support price in Orissa.